



# 2021

## END OF YEAR REPORT



  
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# A NOTE FROM CONGRESSMAN NEGUSE

Dear Neighbor,

In the wake of multiple challenges, our office has been dedicated to delivering tangible results for the people of Colorado and the 2nd District. In March, I helped draft and pass the **American Rescue Plan**, to provide direct relief to Colorado families, communities and small businesses amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this legislation, we ramped up vaccine distribution, supported our local communities and delivered tax cuts to the families of over 1 million Colorado children.

In November, our office played a leadership role as we enacted the historic **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**, to invest in our roads and bridges, expand high-speed internet access, fund wildfire prevention, and ensure a disaster safe power grid. We also took action in Congress to advance the **Build Back Better Act** and passed my proposal to establish a reimagined 21st Century Climate Conservation Corps, which would create jobs, tackle western wildfires and help address the climate crisis.

During the course of the year, our office introduced **80 bills**, the most of any member in Congress, and **passed 18 measures**, including bills to support military families, conserve Colorado public lands, designate the Amache National Historic Site in southeastern Colorado and invest in climate resilient communities.

Through all of our work, I've strived to **listen first and lead locally**, which is why I've prioritized traveling across our district to hear from you. By hearing the challenges, stories and ideas of Coloradans, we've been able to advance multiple proposals based on community feedback; these include our plan to address the affordable housing crisis, raise wildland firefighter pay, provide free preschool, and address the gun violence epidemic.

As we look towards the next year, it is clear we still have so much work to do for our communities. I am deeply honored to continue serving you and to continue our efforts to build a brighter future.

All the best,





# BY THE NUMBERS



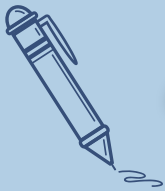
**80**

**Bills  
Introduced**



**8**

**Bills Signed  
Into Law**



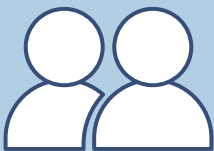
**467**

**Measures  
Cosponsored**



**18**

**Measures  
Passed the  
House**



**1,700+**

**Families helped**



**90+**

**Events in District**



**257,039+**

**Total Responses  
to Constituents**

**\$4,470,740**

**Returned to Constituents**



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**TRAIL MIX | Joe Neguse lands atop rankings of most-effective lawmakers**

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# LAWS ENACTED

**H.R. 3211 - Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership Act**, to formally authorize the popular collaborative forest program that held off the advance of the Cameron Peak fire in 2020.

**H.R. 3048 - Secure Rural Schools Extension**, after enacting a two-year extension for the program in 2020, Rep. Neguse enacted new legislation to further extend the program, providing major funding to rural schools in Colorado's mountain communities. Communities in the 2nd District receive \$4 million+ from the program annually

**H.R. 3209 - Disaster Safe Power Grid Act**, to safeguard Colorado communities against power outages caused by wildfires, winter storms and other climate-related weather events, Rep. Neguse and Senator Wyden introduced and enacted legislation to upgrade local power supplies to ensure a disaster safe grid.

**H.R. 5299** - To provide expanded military travel allowances for family members to travel to the funerals of their loved ones.

**H.R. 6077** - To strengthen our cybersecurity workforce.

**SKY-HI NEWS** Serving Grand County, CO

**H.R. 5280, H.R. 5279 & H.R. 5280** to implement critical climate action provisions into the 2022 NDAA.

**Secure Rural Schools program refunded**





# DELIVERING FOR COLORADO

In November, the House passed two critical pieces of legislation, with Rep. Neguse's leadership and vote: the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act** and the **Build Back Better Act**. Together this legislation will:

- **Make historic investments in Colorado's roads, bridges and public transit system;**
- **Build a nationwide network of EV charging stations** to expand access to green vehicles;
- **Upgrade America's power grid** for climate-related natural disasters;
- **Invest over \$5 billion in wildfire management and raise federal wildland firefighter pay** by up to \$20,000 annually;
- **Expand affordable housing and rural broadband;**
- **Lower child care costs**, saving families more than half their current spending on child care and providing universal pre-K for 3 and 4-year-olds;
- **Cut taxes for working families** of over 1 million Colorado children by extending the expanded child tax credit;
- **Make the largest investment to tackle the climate crisis in history**, through a \$555 billion investment in clean energy, and green tax credits;
- **Ensure Americans with diabetes don't pay more than \$35 per month for insulin;** and much much more.



**Infrastructure law gives burned out wildland firefighters a boost**

**SUMMIT DAILY**

**Infrastructure package funding to benefit Summit County transportation, wildfire prevention and water projects**

ESTES PARK

**Trail Gazette**

**Congressman Neguse tours Kruger Rock burn scar, talks grid modernization**

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**COVER STORY | Colorado's Joe Neguse, John Hickenlooper play key roles bringing infrastructure bill to life**

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# TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

## As Chair of the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, Rep. Neguse is Working to Restore our Lands and Communities

In 2021 he:

- **Attended COP26** in Glasgow, Scotland, to represent Colorado on the world stage and advocate for bold global climate action;
- **Secured key provisions in the Bipartisan Infrastructure law** to upgrade America's power grid, invest in wildfire prevention and expand EV infrastructure;
- **Passed the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act (the CORE Act)**, a bill crafted by Coloradans for Colorado to conserve 400,000 acres of public lands across the state;
- **Worked to boost our outdoor recreation economy**, support outdoor guides and ski resorts through the SOAR Act, SHRED Act and Continental Divide Trail Completion Act;
- **Introduced legislation to ensure Congress is modeling environmental sustainability**; and
- **Passed legislation through Committee** to protect wildlife and advance local water projects in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.



 **Colorado Public Radio**

**Sen. Michael Bennet And Rep. Joe Neguse Have A Bill To Benefit Ski Resorts And The Forests They're On**

## Coloradoan.

### Neguse gets \$50 billion for climate proposal in Build Back Better bill

**Jacy Marmaduke** Fort Collins Coloradoan  
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Funding for U.S. Rep. Joe Neguse's Climate Conservation Corps proposal made it into the Build Back Better Act, a \$3.5 trillion spending package expected to reach a House of Representatives vote soon.

The Climate Conservation Corps funding totals about \$50 billion, close to the levels laid out in Neguse's 21st Century Climate Conservation Corps Act. That legislation envisioned a modern New Deal-inspired program creating jobs and bolstering wildfire preparedness, land restoration and climate change resilience.

Neguse represents Fort Collins, Loveland, Boulder and surrounding areas in Congress.



# OUR PLAN FOR A REIMAGINED CLIMATE WORKFORCE

## "A Plan for the West and for our Future"



In summer 2020, Rep. Neguse introduced the *21st Century Conservation Corps Act*, a proposal that has now captured the imagination of the American people. The plan, as envisioned by Rep. Neguse, would put a new, diverse generation to work in our public lands, restoring our forests, tackling western wildfires and combatting the climate crisis. The plan takes a page out of FDR's playbook, expanding, enhancing and reimagining the popular program of the 1930s which built Red Rocks, roads, trails and campgrounds throughout Rocky Mountain National Park.

Due to more than a year of advocacy led by Rep. Neguse, the House-passed Build Back Better Act, includes:

- **\$15+ billion** for new jobs, salaries and workforce training to launch the Climate Conservation Corps and
- **\$26+ billion** to invest in healthy resilient forests



Rep. Neguse recently joined Lt. Gov. Primavera to launch the Colorado Climate Corps, a pilot CCC program

## THE DENVER POST

**Civilian Conservation Corps shaped Colorado. Joe Neguse and Joe Biden think it's time for a reboot**

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## 21st CENTURY NEW DEAL



U.S. Rep. Joe Neguse, a Democrat from Lafayette, speaks on his proposal to create a Civilian Climate Corps during a press conference outside the U.S. Capitol on July 20, 2021. COURTESY OF U.S. REP. JOE NEGUSE

By and for Colorado, Civilian Climate Corps enjoys federal support

**BY JOEY BUNCH**  
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Rep. Joe Neguse grew up a Colorado kid, like most Colorado kids, with Red Rocks Amphitheatre as part of his cultural heritage.

A few weeks ago, he was out at the Denver city park touring the Civilian Conservation Corps site, the temporary home to about 200 men ages 18 to 25 who built the amphitheater. The New

Deal program encompassed 3 million men nationwide to help get the country back on its feet from the Great Depression, the defining crisis of its time.

Colorado was home to 172 CCC camps, where 32,000 men, most of them locals, cleared out dead timber in the mountains and planted trees and shored up ditches on the Eastern Plains to reduce erosion and buttress Colorado against

the Dust Bowl.

Neguse is now trying to legislate a new, diverse collection of young people called the 21st Century Civilian Climate Corps to dig out America again.

The \$50 billion package includes \$10 billion for workers, \$40 billion for projects.

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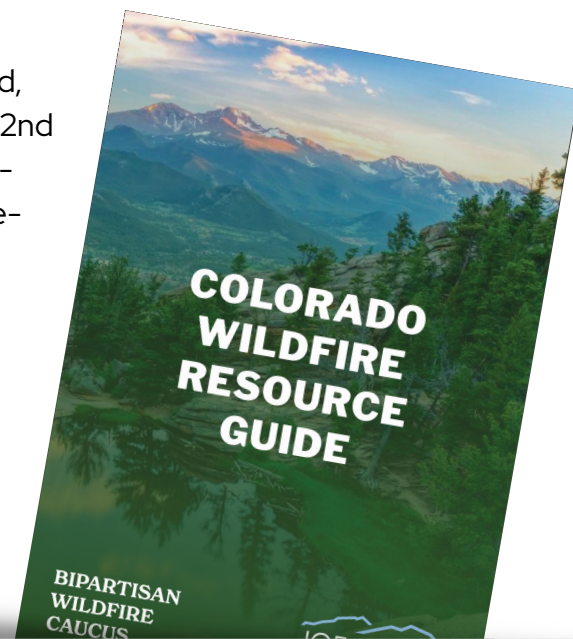


# ADDRESSING WESTERN WILDFIRES

As Colorado experienced a record setting and devastating wildfire season in 2020, with the Cameron Peak, East Troublesome, Calwood, and Lefthand Canyon Fires burning over 400,000 acres across the 2nd District, Rep. Neguse launched the Bipartisan Wildfire Caucus, a first-of-its kind congressional committee focused on highlighting science-driven, bipartisan wildfire prevention and recovery solutions.

## In 2021 he:

- **Fought to raise wildland firefighter compensation**, ensure essential health and mental health benefits and recognize the unique skills and qualifications of these brave men and women, through Tim's Act, bipartisan, comprehensive legislation led with Rep. Liz Cheney and Rep. Katie Porter. Tim's Act is named after Tim Hart, a smokejumper who tragically lost his life earlier this year working on a fire in New Mexico and is the first bill of its kind to overhaul the federal firefighting workforce;
- **Passed the bipartisan Wildfire Recovery Act through Committee**, legislation to provide additional federal resources to communities in recovery;
- **Passed the Climate Resilient Communities Act through the House** to ensure communities are prepared for climate-related weather events;
- **Held the first-of-its kind Wildfire Summit**, convening firefighters, forest experts and Coloradans to discuss recovery and prevention solutions; and
- **Issued the 2021 Wildfire Resource Guide** to share important resources with Coloradans and westerners.



**NEWS**

**As wildfires rage, lawmaker proposes legislation to raise firefighter pay**

The bill would also provide funding for health care, paid leave, retirement benefits and housing assistance.

**THE HILL**

**Colorado lawmaker warns of fire season becoming year-round**



# GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

## Congressman Neguse is working to keep our communities safe from the tragic effects of gun violence.

After the tragedy on March 22, when 10 precious lives were taken at our local King Soopers, Rep. Neguse has continued to advance common-sense gun reform measures to keep our communities safe. Including:

- **Leading an effort calling for President Biden to regulate concealable assault-style weapons**, a measure that the President announced he would pursue in April 2020 at a White House Ceremony that Rep. Neguse was in attendance for;
- Introducing the **End Gun Violence Act** to prohibit individuals with violent misdemeanors from purchasing firearms, and the **Secure Background Checks Act**, to fortify the federal background check system;
- As a member of the House Judiciary Committee and Vice Chair of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, Rep. Neguse openly called for the Judiciary Committee to take up legislation to reinstate a federal assault weapons ban; and
- He secured critical funding for community violence prevention programs in the House-passed Build Back Better Act.



GROCERY STORE TRAGEDY

### Rep. Neguse introduces bill to close gun loophole after Boulder mass shooting



### THE DENVER POST Colorado congressman introduces bill to close gun-buying loophole exposed by Sol Pais incident

Legislation follows 2019 incident when 18-year-old Florida woman bought shotgun in Littleton  
A Colorado congressman wants to close the loophole in the federal gun background check system that allowed 18-year-old Sol Pais in 2019 to purchase a shotgun in Littleton, prompting panic and school closures because authorities feared her obsession with the 1999 Columbine shooting would prompt her to commit similar violence.

# REFUGEES AND IMMIGRATION REFORM

**As the son of immigrants and Vice Chair of the U.S. Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, Rep. Neguse has been a vocal advocate in ensuring the American dream remains attainable for immigrants to the U.S.**

- **He secured temporary relief for 5 immigrants living in sanctuary in Colorado**, including Ingrid Encalada Latorre, an immigrant mother previously living in sanctuary in a church in Boulder;
- **He supported efforts to bring home individuals trapped in Afghanistan after the fall of Kabul**, and worked with state and local lawmakers to welcome new refugees to the 2nd district;
- **He helped usher H.R. 6 the American Dream and Promise Act through the House**, legislation that would safeguard hundreds of thousands of young Dreamers living in the shadows;
- He urged the Biden Administration to end for-profit private detention and grant relief for immigrants in Colorado living in sanctuary; and
- **He fought to include key immigration provisions in the Build Back Better Act**, which could provide relief to 7 million Dreamers, TPS recipients and essential workers.

## Westword

**Joe Neguse Asks Biden to Halt Deportation of Coloradans in Sanctuary**

CONOR MCCORMICK-CAVANAGH | JANUARY 29, 2021 | 2:19PM



## THE Durango HERALD

**Federal immigration bill introduced for woman living in Mancos church**

## Daily Camera

**Ingrid Encalada Latorre granted stay of removal in immigration case after years of sanctuary in Boulder church**

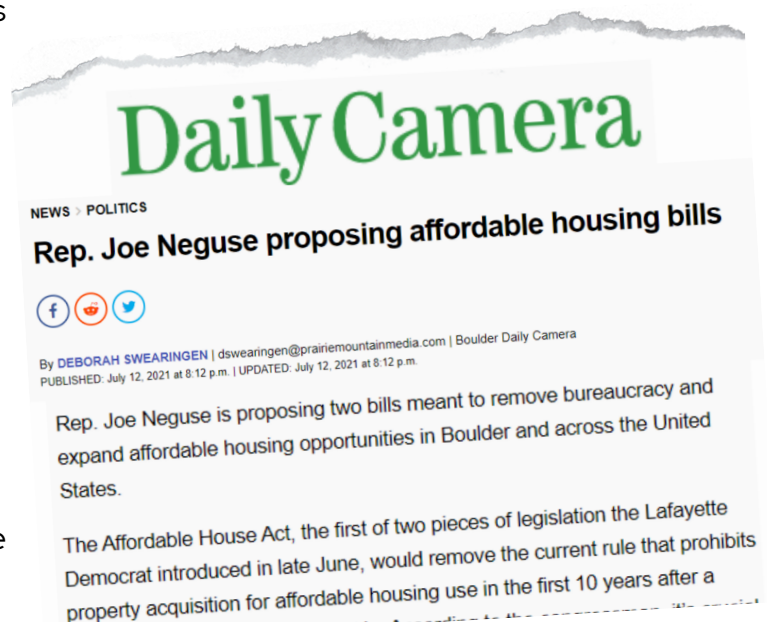


# INVESTING IN SMALL BUSINESS & OUR ECONOMY

**At the heart of Rep. Neguse's work in Congress is a consistent dedication to ensuring that Colorado's communities and local economies can thrive.**

**In 2021, he:**

- **Launched the Housing Our Communities Plan** to cut red tape and expand opportunities for affordable housing and **held the first-of-its kind statewide affordable housing submit** to discuss solutions for the housing crisis;
- **Introduced multiple bipartisan bills to support small businesses in the wake of the COVID-19 economic crisis**; including legislation to expand federal contract opportunities for small businesses, allow for businesses to restructure their debt, and expand diversity in investment fund managers;
- **Passed legislation** to ensure antitrust authorities have the resources they need to protect consumers and small businesses at risk of monopoly consolidation;
- **Secured a 15% expansion of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Benefits** to support hungry kids and families throughout Colorado; and
- **Introduced legislation to secure supply chains**, promote state and local cyber security initiatives, expand diversity in federal apprenticeships, and
- **Helped pass the Paycheck Fairness Act** to ensure equal pay for equal work.







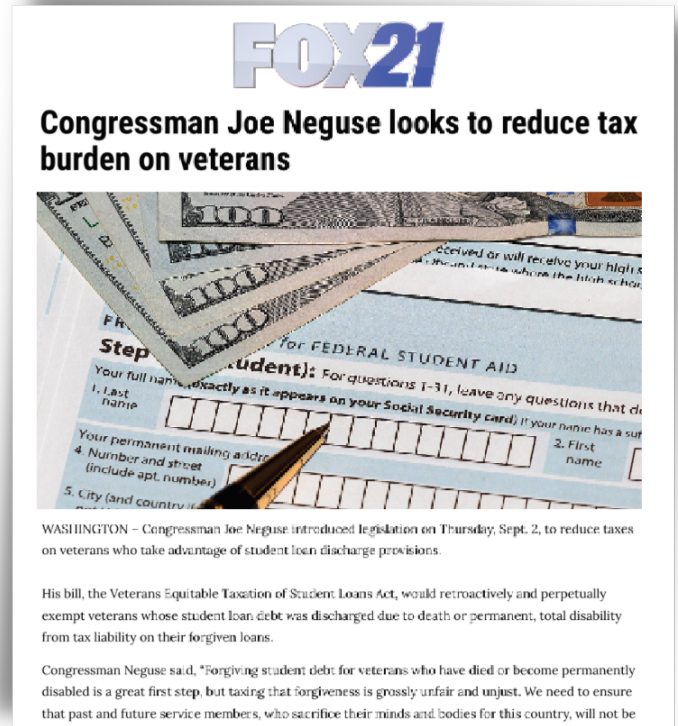
# SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

## Congressman Neguse is leading on legislation to support veterans and military families:

- **The Veterans Job Training Act:** legislation to reauthorize and expand the only federal program that focuses exclusively on competitive employment for homeless veterans.
- **The Veterans Equitable Taxation of Student Loans Act:** to ensure disabled veterans and their families are not left with an undue tax burden for student loan debt that has been forgiven.
- **The Veterans Pro Bono Corps Act:** bipartisan, bicameral legislation to fund pro bono medical examinations for eligible low-income veterans to supplement VA compensation benefits.
- **Expanded Travel Allowances for Military Families Act:** legislation to ensure families of fallen soldiers can travel to their loved ones' funerals no matter the cost. This bill was enacted into law in 2021.
- **Working to designate Camp Hale as the first-ever National Historic Landscape** through the CORE Act, to honor Colorado's military legacy.

## THE ASPEN TIMES

CORE Act critical to preserving Camp Hale



# PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY

## Rep. Neguse has played a leadership role in Congress defending voting rights and working to safeguard our democracy

- As a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, Rep. Neguse led the charge this summer to pass H.R. 4 the **John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act** through the House to safeguard voting rights. He's also working to emulate Colorado's gold standard voting system at the federal level, by advancing legislation to enact pre-registration, automatic voter registration and mail balloting.
- In the wake of the January 6th Capitol Insurrection, **Rep. Neguse has worked to protect the integrity of our elections, safeguard the constitution and U.S. democracy.**
- He passed legislation through the House to strengthen ethics in government and promote transparency and accountability.
- As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, he has led efforts to prevent social media platforms from spreading disinformation, worked to protect local journalism and reform our nation's antitrust laws.

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**Neguse helps lead House passage of Democrats' voting rights bill**



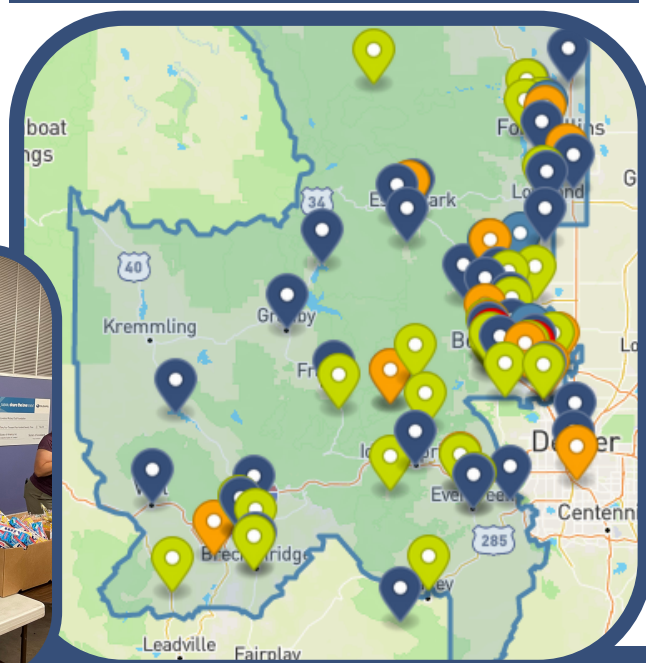


# LEADING LOCALLY

**Rep. Neguse strives to listen first and lead locally. His work in Congress is chiefly inspired by constituents and communities that call the 2nd District home.**

- **Ally's Act** is Colorado ingenuity at work. When Ally Tumblin, a 12-year-old from Broomfield, Colorado wrote Rep. Neguse's office because her insurance company would not cover the specialized hearing device she needs, Rep. Neguse got right to work writing a bill to fix her issue, named in her honor. This year, Rep. Neguse also introduced the **National Microtia and Atresia Awareness Day** congressional resolution to highlight Ally's condition and specialized hearing needs of Americans across the nation.
- Rep. Neguse is working to establish the **Amache National Historic Site Act**, to provide honor and healing to the individuals who lived through Japanese internment in Colorado. His bipartisan legislation has passed the House and is being considered in the Senate.
- **Expanding Mental Health Access:** After Colorado Children's Hospital declared a "state of emergency" for youth mental health, Rep. Neguse introduced bipartisan legislation to expand access to mental health counselors in Colorado's rural communities.
- As Colorado has seen rising rates of opioid overdoses. Rep. Neguse introduced the **Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Act** to bring more federal resources home to local communities as they work to solve this epidemic.

## Rep. Neguse In the 2nd District





# IN THE NEWS



**TRAIL MIX | In fiercely partisan DC, Joe Neguse leads Colorado's aisle-crossers**



**Colorado Congressman Joe Neguse Will Lead U.S. House Public Lands Subcommittee**



**Colorado's Joe Neguse appointed to powerful House Rules Committee**



**Congressman Neguse to represent Colorado at UN Climate Conference**



**Colorado Congressman Joe Neguse Joins Biden For Gun Violence Prevention Executive Actions Unveiling**



**Congressman Joe Neguse Calls For A National Biodiversity Strategy, Rejoining Paris Climate Agreement**



# CONSTITUENT TESTIMONIALS

**"This is the essence of public service, I know that Congressman Neguse [is] there for me when I need [him]. If you need help, no matter how big you believe your tax problem is, all you have to do it ask,"**

*- Robert, Morrison*

**"Prompt responses, willingness to help people in utmost need with swift action combined with a heart of gold."**

*- Shaji and family, Superior*

**"I am still in shock about how quick and streamlined the process was...our reps are actually working for the people they serve."**

*- Nikole, Louisville*

**"I've never felt more supported by my government with the PPP and the passport help. When government can feel personal and impactful on just regular people like us, it makes a difference. "**

*- Marlene & Steve, Longmont*

**"After experiencing a lengthy delay and much confusion renewing our passports with the US passport office, Congressman Neguse's office calmly helped us navigate the system and ultimately delivered our passports just in time for our trip. "**

*- Gavin, Boulder*





# CONSTITUENT TESTIMONIALS

"Words are not enough to describe their kindness, efficiency, and courtesy. There is no doubt that without their support the petition would have never been approved. We are now blessed to have become US citizens, and we are still looking in awe at those beautiful blue passports."

*- Federiga, Boulder*

Shane was professional and persistent in his follow up and we are grateful for his assistance. He should be recognized for his efforts and his ability to effectively work with your constituents to provide assistance where they needed it the most.

*- Michael, Niwot*

I reached out to your team; they were able to secure me an appointment, thereby successfully enabling me to obtain a new passport. I cannot begin to express my appreciation and gratitude for the efforts of your team.

*- Cindy, Loveland*

I really appreciate how prompt you were with the matter when I know you have many people and tasks you need to attend to. The thorough and detailed oriented responses and the professionalism you exude was a relief to deal with. At no point did you ever make me feel like you were too busy for my concerns.

*- Carina K, Fort Collins*



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